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BIDS FOR MANY SHIPS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT OPENS BUILDING OFFERS.

New Vessels Will Be Considerably More Expensive Than Last Craft Constructed For.

Washington, Oct. 25.—When bids for four new battleships and 20 destroyers—the largest single order ever placed by the navy—were opened today, it was disclosed that the government faces the soaring prices of structural material in perfecting the navy building programme. Although the department had allowed \$5,000,000 more for each battleship than it did last year and placed a limit of \$11,500,000 for hull and machinery alone, the bidding ran within a close margin.

All bids of the Fore River Ship Building company, controlled by Bethlehem Steel, were submitted with the express stipulation that they were based on current prices for material and labor. The company proposed that the government pay any increase, or profit by any decrease and let the federal commission determine the figures.

The Cramp company submitted no figures at all, but proposed to build the ships at cost and take a contractor's profit of ten per cent. The details of the bids or to whom the contracts will be awarded can not be determined until the figures have been studied thoroughly by the navy constructors.

The opinion of the navy constructors, based on a hurried examination of the bids, is that all are sufficiently within the limit of cost to permit all the ships being built by private builders, and there will be no necessity of construction in government yards unless, as a question of policy, it should be thought desirable.

RETURN TO CRUISE ITALY.

German Fleet Expected to Return to Sea.

Oct. 25.—The German fleet, according to reports received by Bert T. Corcoran, of this city, recording secretary of the State Christian Endeavor Union. Most of the societies of the State will have delegates at the convention, said Mr. Corcoran, and some of the societies are planning to attend en masse. Several societies near Sumter will attend the convention in bodies, and societies at Florence, Columbia, Manning and other points will send large delegations. There never before was such interest in Christian Endeavor in this State as there is today.

ATTEMPT TO STEAL PRESIDENCY

Republicans Making Effort to Carry Indiana and Other States by "Colonization."

Washington, Oct. 26.—The colonization of voters in several of the Western States today promises some sensational developments and wholesale prosecutions for conspiracy to commit election frauds. Evidence in the hands of the department of justice implicates Republicans of national importance. A mass of documentary evidence has been gathered showing that negroes from the South and experienced New York floaters have been gathered in Indiana and several other States to be used in carrying the election for Hughes.

TREVINO IN TIGHT PLACE.

Villa Preparing to Capture Chihuahua and Cut off Carranza Forces.

El Paso, Oct. 26.—Another trainload of panic stricken refugees arrived today from Chihuahua, the fifth in five days. They state that Villa has withdrawn a few miles west of the city, in order to arm fifteen hundred additional recruits with captured supplies, and threatens any man who refuses to join him in the captured city. Villa is in position to cut the railroad to the north and Gen. Trevino, short of ammunition, can only escape toward Torren. Winter overcoats are being issued to the National Guard, indicating a long stay.

THE FRIEND OF GERMANY.

New Austrian Premier Selected Because of Sympathy for Teutons.

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—A Vienna dispatch reports that Doctor Ernest von Kober who has been appointed premier of Austria is regarded as a friend of Germany. A note from Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph yesterday reported that Prince Schilling-Furst had been appointed Austrian premier.

A water heater has been invented to utilize the heat wasted by the exhaust of stationary engines.

VINGENT CHICCO TRIED.

CHARLESTON ALDERMAN IS CHARGED WITH STORING LIQUOR.

Southern Express Must Pay Five Hundred Dollars for Delivery of Whiskey Illegally.

Charleston, Oct. 25.—In the court of general sessions today, the trial of Vincent Chicco, Sr., was a feature and consumed the greater part of the proceedings. The defendant, an alderman of this city and widely known over the State, was charged with storing contraband liquor, in violation of the prohibition laws. He put up a stout defense, declaring he had no connection with the beer found in a vacant house next to his place of business and that he had gone out of the liquor business altogether. At a late hour this afternoon the jury was still out.

A fine of \$500 was imposed upon the Southern Express company by Judge Rice today in the court of general sessions, the defendant corporation having been found guilty Monday of delivering liquor illegally. Counsel noted an exception and gave notice of appeal. Bond of \$1,000 was fixed by the court. M. L. Watson pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition laws as to storing and was given a sentence of six months on the gang or in the penitentiary, four months being suspended. It is understood that the defendant will seek a new trial.

BIGGEST ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

Approaching State Gathering of Members in Sumter Expected to Be Memorable One.

Charleston, Oct. 25.—The biggest Christian Endeavor Convention ever held in South Carolina and one of the best ever held in the South will be the one to be held in Sumter.

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Dr. Melton Clark, of this city, is to be one of the speakers at the Sumter convention. A special song leader will lead the singing. There will be other prominent men on the program, and the 500 Endeavorers present will make the convention one of the best ever held in the South. A special train will be operated from Laurens to bring the Endeavorers from the upper half of the State. Arrangements for this are in the hands of Prof. G. H. Cartledge, of Clinton. Negotiations are also under way for special rates over the railroads leading into Sumter.

A series of Christian Endeavor rallies has just been held here, ending with a mass meeting of the Charleston Christian Endeavor Union Friday night. There have been Junior and Intermediate Rallies, and several conferences of the Union officers and leading Endeavor workers of the city. There are thirteen Christian Endeavor societies in Charleston now, and considerable interest is being taken in the work of the organization. The Charleston Union is planning extensive forward steps for the winter's work. The Charleston Union is one of the strongest city Christian Endeavor Unions in the South.

PLANTING SMALL GRAIN.

Rains of Week Have Put Grain in Good Condition—Cold Retards Late Cotton.

Columbia, Oct. 25.—The mean temperatures for the past week were somewhat below normal, with less than the average amount of sunshine. Good rains over the section on the 18th and 19th put the soil in favorable condition for plowing and seeding. Late cotton was somewhat retarded by the cold nights, but no serious damage was reported, and prospects continue excellent. Good crops of sweet potatoes are being gathered. Truck, gardens and pastures are doing well. Some sugar cane is being cut in southern counties. Early planted small grains are beginning to come.

GERMANS MAKE MORE GAINS.

CAPTURE CERNAVEDA AND CAN PASS IN ROUMANIA.

Chances are That Roumania Will Be Dominated by Teutons—Few Attempts of Germans to Reconquer Lost Ground at Verdun are Expected.

London, Oct. 25.—War interest today was divided between Roumania and Verdun. Complete Teutonic domination of Roumania was furthered by the capture of Cernavoda by von Mackensen and the capture of the Vulcan Pass by von Falkenhayn. It was not known whether Roumania destroyed the twelve mile bridge across the Danube before evacuating Cernavoda.

Terrific efforts were made last night by the Germans to recapture the lost ground at Verdun, but their attacks were all repulsed. Berlin reports Fort Douaumont burned and French occupied it.

On the Somme the weather is rendering operations.

French and Italian cavalry have effected a junction at Avalons.

DEMAND ON CARRANZA.

HE MUST SHOW POWER TO PROTECT BORDER.

American Commissioners Are Out of Patience With His Claim of Power and Failure to Act—He Seeks Lack Control of Military at Mexican City.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The American commissioners have demanded that the Mexican delegation that came to show his power to protect the border. This became known today, despite the fact that the State department.

The belief exists in many quarters that Carranza is a puppet.

Mexico City. The officials are out of patience with Carranza's claim of power and failure to act.

PAXVILLE TEACHERS ENTERTAINED.

W. C. T. U. Gives Most Enjoyable Affair for Teachers of Community.

Paxville, Oct. 25.—The recreation tendered the teachers of the community by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union on last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis was a most enjoyable occasion. The hall and parlors were made especially attractive by a tasteful arrangement of palms, ferns, roses and chrysanthemums.

After chatting awhile, Miss Laura Congdon of Georgetown presented the contest "Hidden Flowers." There was some faithful guessing done for awhile. Finally, it was decided that Miss Poole, of the Providence school had scored highest. She was awarded a handsome bouquet of ferns and roses, which was very gracefully presented by Miss Letha Edwards, a teacher of the Paxville school. This was tied with white ribbon, emblematic of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Cocoa and wafers were served and tiny sprays of golden rod tied with the white ribbon were given as favors.

Miss Laura Congdon of Georgetown has been stopping here for a few days as the guest of Miss Jessie Curtis. She was on her way home after spending the summer at Newport, R. I.

Misses Daisy, Carrie and Mayme Rhame are visiting the State fair.

Mr. T. P. Brown will move next week with his family to Sumter, which place they will make their home.

A Rural School Improvement Association was organized by the teachers of the graded school on last Thursday afternoon. The enrollment was not as large as they had hoped for, yet, others are expected to come in. The teachers want to enroll especially every patron of the school.

STORM SEEMS LIKELY.

Weather Bureau Renews Caution for Shipping.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The weather bureau tonight again cautioned vessels sailing West Indian and South Florida waters because of the low barometer over that area.

The bureau has been unable to locate the exact storm centre but in its bulletin tonight reported that the barometer was lowest near Jamaica and that secondary disturbance persists near the Florida straits.

KILLS BROTHER-IN-LAW.

WESLEY McCASKILL SHOTS W. T. SMITH, JR.

Wrenches Weapon Out of Assailant's Hand and Then Fires Fatal Shot.

Camden, Oct. 23.—Wesley McCaskill, a prominent farmer who lives near the Lee county line in this county, shot and instantly killed his brother-in-law, W. T. Smith, Jr., early this morning.

McCaskill had endeavored to collect money owed him by Smith. The latter, it is said, flew into a rage, pulled his pistol and fired at McCaskill four times, hitting him twice, once in the head and in the back but inflicting only flesh wounds. McCaskill dodged behind a tree and wrenched the pistol from the enraged man's hand. Smith is then said to have advanced upon him with his knife. McCaskill fired with Smith's pistol, killing him instantly.

McCaskill came to Camden immediately and surrendered.

The dead man left no children. McCaskill has a wife and eight children. The coroner held an inquest tonight.

HUGHES DENIES PROMISE.

SAYS HE STANDS FOR GENUINE AMERICANISM.

Declares He Does Not Seek Support of Those Who Lag in Allegiance to United States.

New York, Oct. 24.—Charles E. Hughes tonight told an audience that crowded Schuetzen park hall in Queensborough that he did not want the support "of any one who has any interest superior to that of the United States, who would not instantly champion the right and interest of America against any country whatever, who wants immunity for foreign agents."

foreign influence or swayed by alien machination." Mr. Hughes' declaration was made at the first of three meetings at which he spoke in New York city tonight. The other meetings were held in Harlem and the Bronx.

"It is hardly necessary to say that if I am elected," Mr. Hughes declared, "we shall have an accurate foreign policy in the service of American interests. I have no secret understandings. I am for America free and clear of all foreign entanglements. We propose to have an administration, an American administration which, dealing with all nations on a basis of the most adequate fairness, will maintain unsparringly American rights on land and sea.

"We shall not tolerate the use of our soil for foreign intrigue. We shall not permit threats from any quarter or any foreign influence to swerve us from our action. I believe that the great mass of American people are sincerely patriotic."

SEABOARD SEEKING PUBLIC FAVOR.

Creates New Office to Supply Intermediary Between the Railroad and the People.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 25.—Announcement was made today that W. L. Stanley, claim agent of the Seaboard Air Line railway, has been named as assistant to President W. J. Harahan with headquarters at Atlanta. The office is a new one and the appointment is effective November 1.

With the announcement of appointment President Harahan issued a statement that the new office "is intended to eliminate the old time barrier between the public and the transportation company."

Mr. Stanley's duties are stated as that of intermediary between the Seaboard and the general public. Friction or grievances between the Seaboard and municipalities, cities, counties or States will be referred to the new department, as will questions involving the Seaboard's interests before State commissions, the interstate commerce commission or other governing bodies.

Mr. Stanley was born in Wytheville, Va., in 1871, is a graduate of Emory and Henry college and the University of Virginia law department.

VILLA CAPTURES IMPORTANT CITY.

San Antonio, Oct. 26.—A report has reached military headquarters that Villa has captured the city of Chihuahua, but it is unconfirmed.

New York, Oct. 26.—At the opening today December cotton was 18 1/8 and January 18 92.

CARRANZA READY TO LEAVE.

ENEMIES CHARGE HE IS ABOUT TO FLEE.

First Chief Makes Blunder in Allowing Family to Quit the Country.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Charges that Gen. Carranza is preparing to leave Mexico are being freely made by his political opponents in Mexico City. They are based upon his decision to leave his capital for Queretaro, and the facts that Mrs. Carranza already has crossed into the United States, accompanied by the wife of her husband's war minister and chief supporter, Gen. Obregon.

Information to this effect is reaching officials here from various reliable sources. So far nothing tangible tending to support the story has come through official channels. It is known, however, that many officials here believe Gen. Carranza has committed a political blunder at least, if he is not in fact preparing for flight, by permitting his family to leave Mexico just at this time.

The trip, they say, was certain to be construed by his enemies as a confession of weakness.

The purpose of the visit of Mrs. Carranza and Mrs. Obregon, as explained at the Mexican embassy, is for a tour of the United States. Word of the arrival at the border also of Mrs. Jacinto Trevino, wife of the military commander of Chihuahua State had not been received tonight. It was pointed out, however, that Trevino has been among Carranza's staunchest supporters and that if the first chief believed his hold on the political situation was weakening Trevino very probably would be warned in order that he might also place his family in safety.

The state department had not received tonight word that Gen. Carranza and Gen. Obregon had left Mexico City for Queretaro. Previous advices, however, said that the first chief would go to that place in company with his family.

Persistent reports that Carranza was about to leave have been in circulation along the border for some time. It is not known that the American military authorities have been able to gather any definite information in this regard outside of the coming of Mrs. Carranza and Mrs. Obregon. Many department officials have privately expressed their convictions, however, that the de facto government, or at least Gen. Carranza's personal control of the political situation was growing steadily weaker. They have anticipated that the time might come soon when he would be forced to leave Mexico.

The main point urged by Gen. Carranza in asking for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico was that their presence on Mexican soil was not understood by the Mexican people and hindered his efforts to establish civil government. The Mexican commissioners at Atlantic City have presented this view to their American colleagues, but so far have not succeeded in convincing the Americans of the ability of their government to protect American border life and property should the troops be withdrawn.

While official reports on progress from Atlantic City are closely guarded, it has become increasingly apparent here that the continuance of disturbed conditions throughout Mexico is operating against the commissioners in their efforts to reach a solution of the border problems.

JOHN P. THOMAS AS PRESIDENT.

South Carolina Club Holds Annual Meeting.

Columbia, Oct. 26.—John P. Thomas, of Columbia was elected president of the South Carolina club yesterday. The annual meeting was held in city council chamber. Mr. Thomas is dean of the law school of the University of South Carolina and is one of the State's most distinguished lawyers.

R. G. Rhett, Charleston; J. E. Harley, Barnwell; A. Foster McKissick, Greenwood; Perry Beattie, Greenville; J. L. Irby, Boykin; Tom C. Hamer, Bennettsville, and W. T. Green, Columbia, were elected vice presidents.

Paul A. Cooper of Columbia was elected secretary, to succeed T. Jeff Goodwyn, who recently left the State to become a national bank examiner, and John D. Bell of Columbia was re-elected treasurer.

The club's annual ball will be danced this evening at the Jefferson hotel.

KIRVEN GIV' THIRD TERM.

STATE FAIR SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

Reports of Organizing—History of Organization Has Been Compiled and Published—Vacancies Filled.

Columbia, Oct. 26.—J. N. Kirven, who has been directing the leadership of the State Agricultural and Mechanical society into progressive channels during the last two years, was last night unanimously re-elected president of this organization. A. B. Langley of Columbia, member of the executive committee from the Seventh congressional district, was made vice president to succeed Ben F. Taylor, who asked that his name be not considered for this office. S. J. Summers, M. D., of St. Matthews was made a member of the executive committee from the Seventh congressional district to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mr. Langley. The secretary and treasurer will be elected by the executive committee at its mid-year meeting next February. The remaining six members of the executive committee were retained. These are:

First district, Benjamin McInnis, M. D., Charleston; Second, R. B. Watson, Ridge Spring; Third, T. J. Kinard, Ninety-Six; Fourth, John D. W. Watts, Laurens; Fifth, B. H. Boykin, Boykin; Sixth, Bright Williamson, Darlington.

At the outset Mr. Kirven explained that the fair just now was "in the best condition financially and otherwise it had ever been," adding, "And we now have on the best fair we have ever held." In substantiation of his claims, a comparison of the attendance records of one year ago with those of this season was made. "The attendance last year was the largest we ever had. On Monday of the present fair the figures exceeded those of the corresponding day of last year by 28 per cent.; Tuesday they were 11 per cent. in excess of that day one year ago; while today they were 30 per cent."

Another interesting feature of last night's annual meeting was the report of the committee, appointed several years ago, to prepare and publish a complete history of the society. W. A. Clark, chairman of the committee, explained that 300 copies of this 320 page history had been issued from the presses and were now being distributed. Collaborators with Mr. Clark in the task of providing a permanent record of the society were W. G. Hinson of James Island and D. P. Duncan of Union. Copies of the history are to be placed in the libraries of the various State Colleges, and one is to be added to the archives of the society.

In assembling data necessary for the publication of the volume, the committee has collected copies of able addresses on agricultural subjects in ante-bellum days. The society desires to preserve these also and an appropriation of \$50 was ordered last night to defray clerical expenses in pressing this work.

M. S. Whaley of the Columbia bar appeared for the Columbia Art society and made an urgent appeal for an awakened interest and better facilities to display the production of South Carolina artists. The art society will be invited to appear before the executive committee at its mid-year meeting next January and outline plans for developing this department of the fair.

The work of encouraging special effort to bring units of school children from all sections of the State was continued, this to be urged by W. W. Long and D. F. Efrid, secretary of the society.

Thirteen life members elected were: G. S. Boynton, Cline; M. S. Whaley, H. B. F. Jervis, E. E. Smith and M. H. Wyman, Columbia; H. D. Jordan, Ridge Spring; S. J. Derrick, Newberry; J. P. Kilgo, Darlington; A. S. Smoak, St. Matthews; G. Gardner, Hartsville; A. Hart Kohn, Columbia; J. W. Razor, Donalds, and Dr. Jacobs, Newberry.

GERMAN INVADERS HALTED.

Checked by Russo-Roumanian Army—Serbians Capture Trenches.

London, Oct. 26.—The conquest of Roumania by the Teutons has met unexpected obstacles in heavy counter blows delivered by the apparently beaten Russo-Roumanian forces. The Teutonic advance has been checked, according to Petrograd and Bucharest dispatches. Newly gained ground of French at Verdun is now under heavy bombardment, indicating coming German attacks. Serbians have captured more Bulgarian trenches in Macedonia. Comparative quiet reigns on the Somme.